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Libya

Al-Qadhdhafi Activities, Assassination Rumors -- DPA reported that Col Mu'anmar al-Qadhdhafi met with an FRG Free Democratic Party official on 18 November. Earlier, JANA had reported that the "tendentious, rancorous and misleading" rumors in the West about a 17 November assassination attempt against Colonel al-Qadhdhafi were received in Tripoli with "laughter, mockery and derision." Such reports, "leaked" by U.S. intelligence agencies, are part of an attempt to spread misleading information and sow confusion, the report stated. The report also noted that Colonel al-Qadhdhafi had met with Turkish and YAR officials on the evening of 17 November. AFP quoted an official from the Libyan Foreign Information Bureau as stating that the situation in Libya was "perfectly stable" and that nothing "abnormal" had occurred.

Boycott Threat, EXXON Withdrawal -- KUNA reported that the Libyan Government has asserted that the U.S. threat to impose a boycott on imports of Libyan oil is part of U.S. attempts to destabilize Libya. The report also noted that the chairman of Libya's National Oil Company said that EXXON's withdrawal from Libya is not unexpected and that while it is sad to lose a partner of 25 years standing, if one party withdraws "10 others come knocking at the door."

Message to Khalid -- Tripoli radio reported that Colonel al-Qadhdhafi had sent a message to Saudi King Khalid ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz and other Arab leaders calling for a deeper understanding of the dangers posed to the Arab nation by Israel. The message warned that Israel plans to strike east at northern Saudi Arabia and western Iraq.

Israel

Begin Meets With U.S. Envoy -- According to Jerusalem radio, Prime MInister Menahem Begin and U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis held a meeting during which Begin told Lewis that Israel wants the cease-fire along the Lebanese border to continue indefinitely. However, an earlier Jerusalem radio report indicated that Israel has told the United States that it takes a grave view of continued cease-fire violations by the "terrorists" and that the United States has asked Israel to continue showing restraint in this area.

Curfew, Responsibility for Assassination Attempt -- Jerusalem radio reported on 18 November that the military authorities in the West Bank have imposed a curfew in four villages in the area where assassins wounded Ramallah district rural association chief Yusuf al-Khatib and killed his son. Meanwhile, the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio broadcast a communique issued by the General Command of the Palestine Revolution asserting that the attack was carried out on its orders. The statement warned that the Palestine Revolution will continue to strike with "an iron fist" at all Palestinians collaborating with the autonomy plan. According to Monte Carlo radio, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the deed.

Hebron Palestinians Sentenced -- Jerusalem radio reported that the four Palestinians convicted of murdering Hebron Yeshiva students 18 months ago have been sentenced to life imprisonment by the Nabulus military court. Two of the three judges ruled that they should be sentenced to death, but such a sentence requires the unanimous decision of the three judges. According to the radio, dozens of Jewish settlers stood outside the courthouse protesting the sentence.

Egypt

Mubarak-Navon Talks -- MENA reported that after a meeting between President Husni Mubarak and Israeli President Yitzhaq Navon, the two men gave a press conference in which Mubarak confirmed that he will visit Israel. He also said "ample time" should be given to the autonomy negotiations, which are the most difficult part of the Camp David peace process. According to Cairo radio, President Navon said his talks with Mubarak covered the normalization of relations, the peace process and the autonomy negotiations.

Lebanon

According to Jerusalem radio, tension increased between Maj Sa'd Haddad's border strip Christian militia and UNIFIL troops. Haddad's men threatened to attack a UNIFIL unit near Hula and UNIFIL troops later besieged an armored car manned by militiamen who had attempted to enter At-Tiri to take control of UNIFIL observation posts. Earlier, IDF radio reported that Haddad's militia twice blew up the water pipeline supplying the UNIFIL headquarters in An-Naqurah, leaving hundreds of soldiers without water. The Christians also continued to prevent UNIFIL soldiers from reaching their bases in the south, the radio added. However, Haddad subsequently issued an order, broadcast by Voice of Hope radio early on 18 November, calling on his military officials to contact UNIFIL units cut off by the militia to ensure that they receive essential supplies.

INA reported that Ba'th Party Regional Command member Tahsin al-Atrash was assassinated in west Beirut.

PLO

Aden radio reported that PLO Executive Chairman Yasir 'Arafat held talks with PDRY Chairman 'Ali Nasir Muhammad on the issues to be raised at the forthcoming meeting of Steadfastness and Confrontation Front foreign ministers. In remarks broadcast by the radio, 'Arafat said the front will meet in "difficult and harsh conditions" and will continue to practice "full coordination" among all its members. 'Arafat also visited the YAR briefly during the day, according to San'a' radio.

Tripartite Alliance

Addis Ababa radio reported that during their meetings in the Ethiopian capital, the foreign ministers of Ethiopia, the PDRY and Libya signed a joint statement expressing the three allies' determination to resist aggression and provocation.

Saudi Arabia

Riyadh radio broadcast a commentary assailing the "butchers of Iran" for betraying Islam while claiming to want to liberate it. The commentary, broadcast the day after Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni had denounced the Saudi peace plan, asserted that the rulers of Iran have secretly established relations with Israel in order to obtain arms. They have transformed Iran into a human abattoir, the radio continued, and while claiming to be Muslims, are now seeking the help of foreign experts to protect themselves from the Muslim Iranian people. It ridiculed the "lunatics" in Tehran for talking about Islam while Islam has washed its hands of them and for wanting to restore Islamic rights after having trampled on the rights of the Iranian people. Islam, the commentary said, consists of ethics and values, but the Iranian rulers neither recognize nor act according to them.

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DINNER HELD FOR IVANOV; AAPSO DELEGATES ARRIVE

LD180954 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 17 Nov 81

[Text] Dr Anahita Ratebzad, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo, member of the Revolutionary Council Presidium and president of the unions of the DRA friendship organizations with foreign countries, gave a dinner last night in honor of Y.V. Ivanov, first deputy chairman of the union of Soviet societies for friendship and cultural relations with foreign countries, at the union's headquarters in Kabul.

At the dinner, Pohanmal Gol Dad and 'Abdolmajid Sarboland, deputy chairmen of the Council of Ministers and vice presidents of the Afghan-Soviet Friendship Society; Dr Sayd Amir Zara, vice president of the DRA Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organization; a number of personnel of the union of the DRA friendship societies with foreign countries; and (Saydov), representative of the union of Soviet societies for friendship and cultural relations with foreign countries in Kabul, took part.

According to another report, the second group of guests, comprising delegations and representatives of the solidarity organizations of the GDR and a number of other European countries, arrived in Kabul today to take part in the meeting of the Presidium of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization, which is due to be held in Kabul.

Niaz Mohammad Mohmand, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; Dr Sayd Amsir Zara, vice president of the DRA Peace Solidarity and Friendship Organization of Afghanistan; the general political director of the Foreign Ministry; the secretary responsible for and some members of the Afghan Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organization; representatives of the PDPA Central Committee International Relations Department and the Foreign Ministry Protocol Department warmly welcomed the guests at Kabul International Airport.

U.S. 'INTERFERENCE,' 'AGGRESSION' CONDEMNED

LD172036 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 17 Nov 81

[Text] The Democratic Women's Organization of Afghanistan [DWOA] today issued a condemnation of the brazen interference of U.S. imperialism in our country:

With the confessions of Mohammad Daud, the sold-out mercenary of the CIA espionage organization, once again the drum of U.S. imperialism was beaten and the conspiracies and shameless interference of this great Satan against the people and revolution of Afghanistan were exposed. So far the heroic armed forces and the DRA's vigilant security forces have recovered undeniable documents and witnesses indicating the interference and the continuation of the undeclared war by imperialism and international reaction, led by U.S. imperialism, against the DRA, and have put them forward for judgment by the people of the world. Also, the confessions of Mohammad Daud, the CIA spy, once again revealed the true essence of the hostile diplomacy against Afghanistan and unveiled the subversive role of the officials of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

This also tore away the last veils from the (?faces) of the leaders of the counter-revolutionary, sold-out bands. This live witness proves that aggressive U.S. imperialism is the main source of support and arming for the Afghan counterrevolutionary bands and the murder of our innocent and noble compatriots. Setting fire to and destroying schools, mosques and public properties, poisoning pupils in schools -- all these are implemented with the direct instruction of the espionage and terrorist organization of the CIA.

The DWOA vigorously condemns the interference and conspiracies of U.S. imperialism's ruling circles in the internal affairs of revolutionary Afghanistan and expresses profound hatred of and indignation at the hellish CIA organization, whose criminal hand is stained with the blood of thousands of women and poor children of our homeland.

The leaders of the counterrevolutionary bands of Afghanistan, in the capacity of mercenary servants of U.S. imperialism, are the tools of the CIA and embark on crimes, under the name of the sacred religion of Islam, against our Muslim compatriots. We ask those compatriots, who have been trapped by these homeland sellers and spies, to wake up and free themselves from the captivity of the U.S. servants.

Our people severely condemn the criminal interference and aggression of U.S. imperialism in revolutionary Afghanistan and will continue their courageous fight until the uprooting of the last remnants of counterrevolutionary forces which have infiltrated from beyond the country's borders.

Once again, we ask progressive humanity and, in particular, the toiling and struggling women of the world, to raise their voices against the cruelties of U.S. imperialism in democratic and revolutionary countries and, in particular in the DRA, and to struggle against the criminal intrigues and conspiracies of the CIA.

The confessions of Mohammad Daud once again proved to our people how the murderous rebels, these highway robbers and professional criminals and spies, abuse the name of the sacred religion of Islam in order to deceive our oppressed people, and how, under the leadership of the CIA, this persecutor organization and the enemy of progressive movements and Islamic countries, they embark on conspiracies against our government, and the security, tranquility, peace, progress and development of our country.

Victory to the Sawr Revolution and its new development stage! Death to international imperialism and foremost U.S. imperialism!

The brazen interference of U.S. imperialism in revolutionary Afghanistan is another shameful (?mark) which is [word indistinct] on the forehead of U.S. imperialism.

70,000 TONS OF WHEAT PURCHASED FROM USSR

LD171606 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 16 Nov 81

[Text] A contract for the purchase of 70,000 tons of wheat from the USSR was concluded today in Kabul between the relevant authorities of the two countries.

A spokesman for the department of foodstuffs and cooperatives said that despite having a sufficient amount of grain in the depot of the Department of Foodstuffs and Cooperatives, it was decided to import 70,000 tons of wheat from the Soviet Union.

The contract was signed for the Afghan side by the general director of foodstuffs and for the Soviet side by the chairman of the Vostokintorg in Kabul.

Under the contract, the amount of wheat will be delivered to the Afghan side by the relevant Soviet authorities at the beginning of next year [beginning 21 March 1982].

BRIEFS

FERTILIZER SOLD TO USSR -- Kabul, 17 Nov (BAKHTAR) -- A contract was concluded here for the export of forty thousand tons of chemical urea fertilizer at a price of 175 U.S. dollars per metric ton between the DRA and the USSR. The contract covers export of fertilizers worth 7.4 million dollars which will be delivered to the Soviet side by the end of 1981. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0443 GMT 18 Nov 81 LD]

OPPOSITION PARTIES DECRY U.S. AID, ARMS PACKAGE

BK150714 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 15 Nov 81

[Text] Opposition parties in Pakistan have criticized the proposed $3.2 billion aid and arms credit package to that country. In a joint statement issued in Islamabad yesterday, they warned that any future government in Pakistan will not be bound to honor these commitments negotiated along with the 6-year package.

The statement said that the people of Pakistan are fully justified to think that the deal is against them and their country. The statement called upon the American people to link the proposed aid package with the return of a freely elected parliamentary government is Pakistan.

PRC'S YANG DEZHI MEETS MILITARY PERSONNEL

BK171632 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 17 Nov 81

[Text] Yang Dezhi, chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of China, who is currently visiting Pakistan, called on the Northwest Frontier Province governor and exchanged views with him on matters of bilateral interest. They also presented gifts to each other.

Yang, who is visiting Pakistan with a good-will military delegation, called on Air Chief Marshal Mohammad Anwar Shamim, chief of the air staff at the air headquarters, and exchanged views with him on matters of mutual interest and also exchanged gifts. Yang also visited the corps headquarters and met with Lt Gen C.A. Majid, the corps commander.

XINHUA DELEGATION CALLS ON INFORMATION OFFICIALS

BK171630 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 17 Nov 81

[Text] The delegation of the Chinese news agency, XINHUA, met with Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Raja Mohammad Zafarul Haq in Islamabad today. Talking to the delegation members, the information minister said that the media of the two countries can play an important role in further strengthening Pakistan-China relations. He expressed the confidence that the news agencies of the two countries can benefit from each other's experience.

Mentioning the [words indistinct] of Afghanistan, which was referred to by the delegation leader, the federal information minister said that the nations with right concepts have condemned it. Delegation leader (Lian Elingdo) said that China is proud of having Pakistan as a great friend. The Chinese people consider the successes and difficulties of Pakistan as their own successes and difficulties. He said that China has condemned the aggression against Afghanistan and it extends the fullest support to Pakistan on this issue.

Earlier, the XINHUA delegation called on the information secretary. The information secretary said that there is a friendly feeling toward China in all parts of Pakistan. The Chinese delegation leader said that the visits of journalists of the two countries will prove helpful for each other.

AFGHAN DEFECTORS REPORT ON DOMESTIC SITUATION

TV Official Interviewed

BK141106 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 14 Nov 81

[Text] Chief editor of news and current affairs of the Afghan television Ennayet Sharief, has defected and crossed over into Pakistan.

In a radio interview he said due to widespread hatred among the people against the TV and radio media in Afghanistan, he could no longer associate himself with an organization engaged in antination propaganda and decided to defect and seek refuge in Pakistan.

He said the TV and radio organizations of Afghanistan were virtually under the control of Soviet advisers. The news and current affairs scripts were censored by these advisers before telecast and broadcast. Soviet films, he said, enjoyed monopoly over the Afghan TV.

The former Afghan TV official said the people of Afghanistan despise Afghan TV and radio and their workers for their procommunist and false propaganda. This is why nobody listened to or participated in the programs. He said that members of the Babrak administration and partymen were brought on TV to praise the foreign-backed Kabul regime. Similarly, he said people were interviewed on Afghan TV in the guise of farmers, workers, traders and students in a bid to portray rosy picture of conditions obtaining in the country. In fact, on the contrary, he said, due to activities of the mujahidin the agriculture, economy and commerce in Afghanistan have been paralyzed.

AFP Report

BK131726 Hong Kong AFP in English 1709 GMT 13 Nov 81

[Text] Peshawar, 13 Nov (AFP) -- Peasants interviewed by Afghan television are Communist Party members posing as ordinary farmers, according to the director of the Afghan Government information and reporting service who defected to Pakistan.

Ennayet Sharief, 30, often seen on Afghan television, said that only party cadres agreed to be interviewed on television as others feared to be identified as government supporters.

"Even television reporters try to avoid being on film and I cut out their questions during the editing of interviews," he said.

Mr Sharief, who started work on Afghan radio eight years ago, said he did not feel threatened as he "knew what to do to keep the government satisfied". But he had been awaiting for a long time an opportunity to "escape unbelievable conditions of work", he said.

"Soviet television advisers suggested we do interviews relating to a trip by President Babrak Karmal to Moscow. As no one was willing to glorify Soviet-Afghan friendship, we had to phone party cells in factories and farming cooperatives who volunteered one of their members," Mr Sharief said.

"There were about 10 of us in my department without a single party member. There are so few of these that they are all drafted to essential defence and security tasks.

"But authorities did not trust us and the crews which covered the provincial tours of a government member were told only one day in advance to report to the airport with no details given. We only found out after their return what they had covered," Mr Sharief said.

To produce a 10 to 15-minute daily news programme, television could rely only on the cooperation of government officials.

"I once tried to interview members of the youth organisation. By the time we set up our equipment amid a group of 15 youths, there wasn't one left," Mr Sharief said.

"But for government leaders there was an order of priority, and a clip on Anahita Ratebzad, the minister of culture, going to the theatre, had to be screened before a speech by a less senior minister," he said.

According to the list, first in the priority came President Karmal, followed by party leaders Mohammad 'Ali Ziray and Nur Ahmad Nur, followed only then by Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand.

Competition between Central Committee members to go on television was so fierce, the government had to ban them all from going on camera. If one had to be interviewed, a special dispensation had to be obtained from television directors Abdullah Shadan, Mr. Sharief said.

"Early in September, following the decision to call up men under 35, we went to film recruiting offices in Kabul. When I went over the film, I recognized the same people at different recruiting offices who then climbed aboard military trucks to play the part of enthusiastic conscripts," Mr. Sharief added.

Land Reform Director

BK151105 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 15 Nov 81

[Text] (Abdullah Jamir), director general, general land reform administration in the Karmal regime, had defected and crossed over into Pakistan. In a radio interview he said that the land reform introduced in Afghanistan by former President Taraki after the December 1979 coup had totally failed. Up till now even 10 percent implementation of the reform could not be achieved.

He said those who have received land in the beginning returned it later to their owners as they considered land grab to be an un-Islamic act.

(Abdullah Jamir) contradicted a recent statement of the Afghan agriculture minister that farm production, particularly wheat output, had increased in Afghanistan. On the contrary, he said the fact was that agriculture had been totally paralyzed as 90 percent of the land was under the control of mujahidin. He also refuted an allegation that wheat and maize crops had been damaged by the mujahidin. These crops, he said, had actually been set on fire by members of the ruling party, on one hand to defame the mujahidin, and on the other to compel the farmers to bow before the government.

(Abdullah Jamir) said that [words indistinct] had reached their climax in Kabul city where arson and loot had also become order of the day.

Militia Colonel

BK171627 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 17 Nov 81

[Text] Colonel (Merody) of the Afghan militia and 40 other persons under him who fled to Pakistan surrendered themselves today to the political agency authorities of the South Waziristan Agency at a (Wazir) and (Mahsur) tribal gathering at Tank. He told the gathering that Afghan people are pure Muslims and they are struggling against foreign ideology and hegemony.

Welcoming the arrival of Colonel (Merody), the notables of South Waziristan Agency appreciated his love, enthusiasm and sacrifice for Islam.

The political agent presided over the tribal gathering and said that no efforts will be spared in taking care of the Afghan refugees.

KHAMENE'I ADDRESSES ENVOYS ON U.S. 'THREAT'

LD172340 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 17 Nov 81

[Speech given by President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i on 17 November to the Islamic ambassadors and charges d'affaires residing in the Islamic Republic of Iran -- recorded; place not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Esteemed brothers, ambassadors and political representatives of Islamic countries. Greetings to you. As the Islamic president of Iran, I think that it is necessary to use this gathering to discuss with you, and with all of the Muslim brothers and sisters, the issues which concern the Islamic, human and political honor and dignity of the world's Muslims. I wish to send a message through you to all of the world's Muslims. A great danger currently threatens the existence of Islam and of the Muslims. Neglecting this danger will no doubt have grave and painful consequences for Islam and for the Muslims; if the Muslims pay deep attention to the danger, the plans of the enemies of Islam will be neutralized.

This great danger and this serious threat is the issue of America's political presence in the region in an ever-increasing way. Through certain reasons and excuses, this presence has recently acquired a military aspect as well. America's politicomilitary presence will definitely have two serious and dangerous consequences: The first danger is the very presence of America, which according to the interpretation of our great leader is the great Satan and the Western mother of corruption because even her ordinary presence everywhere has been accompanied with nations' misery, wretchedness and backwardness. Experience has shown that America's presence in any part of the world has only been for the sake of economic thievery and plunder, for cultural invasion and for the destruction and decline of the spiritual personalities of various nations; the only consequence of its presence has been the destruction of various cultures and the ending of political, economic and cultural independence. You cannot find a country, a region or a nation in any part of the world which has derived some benefit from America's presence in its midst.

One great danger is the reaction of America's great world rivals and the encouragement they receive to establish their own political and military presence in other parts of the world, even in certain parts of this region. It is natural that because of America's presence in a certain part of the world, a presence which has now been established flagrantly and in an unnatural way in four of the world's Islamic countries, that country's great rivals would be encouraged to engage in similar activity in other parts of the world.

The natural outcome of America's military presence is the creation of a disturbed atmosphere and a direct threat to world peace; it legitimizes aggression. This will further open the door for other superpowers in other countries, especially in Islamic countries; it will threaten the existence and independence of progressive and independent countries of the world.

As the president of an Islamic and revolutionary country whose Islamic nation does not regard its destiny to be separate from the destiny of the world's Muslims, especially our Arab brothers, I wish to send a warning through you today to all of the governments and nations in the region that America's politicomilitary presence in the region is a serious danger and a certain threat to all of the Muslims. It is a prelude to preparing and creating excuses for aggression against the rights of those nations which want to live with freedom and dignity. If these countries delay their actions, all of their wealth and dignity will be plundered by imperialism and world Zionism.

Through you I announce to all of the freedom-loving governments and nations of the world that America is preparing for open aggression against the countries of the region. I warn the Muslims of the world, in whatever corner of the world they may be, that America has prepared to destroy the world of Islam.

She has started her aggression against the territory, life and honor of the Muslims in this region. It is my Islamic and political duty to warn all of the Muslims of the world that if they do not raise their voices today to protest against America and her puppets, when America's aggression and invasion becomes a reality in the region tomorrow it will be much more difficult to confront.

The Muslims of the world should be aware that international Zionism and imperialism has included the Muslims' ka'ba [sacred stone in Mecca] the house of Ka'ba and all Islamic lands in its plans of aggression. You should be aware that with the assistance of some of the governments of the region, America is advancing step by step toward the realization of its evil plans. With the assistance of the regime occupying Jerusalem and with the assistance of some of the governments of the region, America has started to suppress Islamic movements, especially in North Africa. She wants to penetrate all of the Islamic lands from there. This plan has started with the direct insults against the honor and dignity of the Muslim, combative and afflicted nations of Egypt, Sudan, Somalia and Oman and is the beginning of insults and aggression against all of the Muslims of the world.

Brother ambassadors from Islamic and Arab countries: America and international Zionism are engaged in political and military advances on your countries. Warn your governments and nations of this great threat and of the danger of this aggressive and frightful monster which is threatening the independence, freedom, existence and the rights of Muslim nations.

In my opinion, Fahd's plan has been inspired by the aggressive plans of America and the regime occupying Jerusalem. It is a prelude to an all-embracing aggression of world imperialism and Zionism against the countries of the region. Military maneuvers of the Rapid Deployment Forces in the region, called "Bright Star," provide backing for this plan, which is only aimed at the definite strengthening of the foundations of the regime occupying Jerusalem, at sacrificing Palestine and the beloved land of Jerusalem for the sake of international Zionism. America's military presence and the "Bright Star" operations are the first danger signs and results of a plan which has been announced.

If an Islamic and human reaction is not shown toward this plan today, its subsequent results will definitely be more extensive and more dangerous and the evil plans which America and Zionism are following will encompass all the countries of the region.

I announce to you Muslim brothers, ambassadors of Islamic countries, and to all of the world's Muslims that we, the nation and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, strongly reject this plan because we regard it as a prelude to the destruction of the Palestinian aspirations and as a plan for fighting and confronting Islam. At the same time, we announce that America's military maneuvers, which are a backing for this anti-Islamic plan and are staged in order to intimidate the governments and nations opposed to this plan and to encourage the governments which are in favor of it, are an insult to the political and military independence of the nations of the region.

We have emphatic confidence and sufficient knowledge that the progressive governments of the region, those honorable governments which rely upon themselves, are against this plan. We are confident that Muslim nations have regarded this plan as contrary to the rights and aspirations of Muslims and that they are not in agreement with it, because it is evident that Muslim nations will never agree to bondage to imperialism and world Zionism.

We hope that that plan and America's military presence will not weaken the firm resolve of the nations of the region and the honorable governments which depend upon the strength of their nations' desire to live in freedom, to remain dignified and to fight against the aggression and invasion of alien forces and their puppet elements.

We strongly request revolutionary governments and Muslim nations not to allow this non-Islamic plan, which is tantamount to condoning the aggressions of imperialism and Zionism in Islamic lands, to be discussed in the summit conference of Arab leaders. We announce beforehand that even if this plan is discussed, or even if it is approved in that conference, it will have no effect upon our position concerning this plan. In addition, Islamic nations definitely have not and will not support this plan.

I repeat my warning, once again announce this threat, and sincerely and honestly say that today American imperialism, with the help of international Zionism -- by relying on some of the governments of the region and by using the non-Islamic plan of relinquishing Palestine to Zionism -- and with its military presence in four Islamic countries, has started an open aggression against Islamic countries. The certain outcome of this will be the plundering and pillaging of these countries' resources, the trampling of nations' moral individuality, the threatening of world peace and the encouraging of superpowers to engage in aggression. All of this has been done with the sole intent of suppressing the world's Muslims and destroying the grandeur of Islam.

It is up to you to inform your governments and nations and all of the world's Muslims of this serious danger that is threatening Islam and the Muslims. With their help, it is up to you to block the path of the aggression and invasion of imperialism and Zionism and their puppets. The nation and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be in step with all of the world's Muslims in any struggle to repel international plunderers' aggression against Islamic lands.

May God's peace and blessings be upon you.

MONTAZERI: FAHD PLAN CONTINUES CAMP DAVID PLOT

LD171904 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 17 Nov 81

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, Ayatollah Montazeri, in connection with Fahd's colonialist eight-point plan, known as the second Camp David, has issued a message calling on the heroic and risen Iranian nation to participate in a countrywide march on Friday, 20 November, toward their Friday prayer venues and to proclaim their revulsion against this Zionist plot. The text of the message is as follows:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Heroic, Muslim nation of Iran -- may God the Exalted render you succor. As you are aware, following the complete fiasco of the first colonialist Camp David plan, the United States has put forward a fresh plan through one of its agents in the region. This plan, which in reality is a continuation of the same Zionist Camp David plot, has this time been formulated in a more tangible and glitteringly deceptive form whereby the Israeli Government, which is based on force and usurpation of the territory of the Muslims, is recognized and all the crimes and tragedies which it has perpetrated throughout the years of the occupation of dear Jerusalem and the massacre of the refugee and heroic people of Palestine are condoned. If this Satanic plan were to contain no shortcoming except the recognition of Israel -- this foe of Islam and mankind -- then backing for it would be tantamount to a betrayal of Islam and the aspirations of the Arabs and Islam.

Regrettably, however, the region's reactionary, agent regimes in the recent made-to-order conference, contrary to the interests of Islam and the Muslims, bowed down to this Zionist plot and proclaimed their collaboration with the United States -- this great enemy of Islam and the Arab nation. Here, one should differentiate between the deprived and the meek in the region and the ruling regimes. The nations are loyal to and love Islam, freedom and independence, and the course of Islamic movement among them -- praise be to God the Exalted -- is growing and expanding, so much so that they have disrupted all the political and military equations and have terrified the arch-Satan.

Indubitably, the deprived nations in the region detest the collusive and capitulationist courses adopted by the agent organizations and governments and will condemn transparent political games. They know full well that their salvation from the yoke of colonialism and Zionist iniquities cannot come except from the light of Islam. The great leader of the Islamic revolution, the holy Imam Khomeyni, may his shadow never grow less, has repeatedly reminded the Islamic nation of this fact and, recently, in connection with the course of the Fahd colonialist plan, candidly and decisively declared the multifarious, dangerous dimensions of the plan to the governments of the region, warning them against the sinister outcome of capitulating to and accepting this new plot.

I am confident that the aware Muslim people, like their Arab brothers and sisters in all countries, will oppose this U.S. plan with all their being. In the same connection may I call on the various strata and on my heroic, Muslim brothers and sisters in Iran, in pursuance of the clear position adopted by the holy imam -- may his protective shadow be expanded -- with regard to this anti-Islamic plot and for the purpose of following his holiness' guidelines and expressing anger and revulsion at the arch-Satan and world Zionism and their plans, with their monolithic and orderly presence on 20 November and their participation in an auspicious march toward the venues of their Friday prayers, to once again demonstrate their rejection of the enemies of Islam and Muslims and show the oppressed nations that they will not achieve independence and their lost greatness except through the light of Islam, armed with a unity of purpose and by pursuing the guidelines issued by the great leader of the revolution.

I beseech Almighty God to grant grandeur and greatness to Islam and Muslims, prosperity to the Islamic movement in the world of the deprived and meek and destruction to world arrogance.

Peace and God's mercy be upon you.

[Signed] Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri, 17 November, Qom

MINISTER SUPPORTS CALL FOR OIL BOYCOTT OF U.S.

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, Mr Ahmad Tavakkoli, minister of labor and social affairs, issued a statement today supporting the step taken by the Libyan oil workers union calling for an end to the export of Arab oil to the United States. The statement said: This constitutes yet another step toward the Muslims' unity of views on struggling against the arch-Satan, the world-devouring United States.

Another part of the statement reads: The world-devouring United States, with either clear or implied backing from all of the arrogant powers and with the criminal Fahd plan -- the second Camp David -- is about to work out the preliminary plans to dominate all of the Islamic territories. The minister of labor and social affairs also demanded that Muslims use their unity and solidarity under the banner of dear Islam and, armed with ever greater vigilance, frustrate these plots.

TURKISH TRADE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN TEHRAN

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[Text] A Turkish technical and economic delegation, headed by Turkish Under Secretary of International Affairs in the Transportation Ministry Kayhan Yuje Yachin, arrived in Tehran today from Urumiyeh in Western Azarbayjan Province where they met with provincial officials.

Upon arrival in Tehran Mr Yuje noted that the goal of this visit is to study the possibility of joint cooperation between the two countries in the technical and economic fields, and particularly (?in expanding the network) of border roads between the two neighboring countries. The delegation will hold talks with officials of the Iranian Oil Company and discuss the possibility of purchasing Iranian oil.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 701

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[Communique 701 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear revolutionary compatriots of Iran: Some of the operations and self-sacrifices of the combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the situation on the battlefronts are brought to your attention as follows:

At 1205 today one aggressive plane of the invading Iraqi Armed Forces was downed by the fast fliers of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Ahvaz region.

On the Abadan fronts, the victorious combatants of the ground forces opened heavy-artillery and mortar fire on the Iraqi forces' positions and fortifications, destroying two tanks, one command post, two ammunition dumps, five military vehicles and engineering equipment of the enemy. Approximately 40 enemy troops were either killed or wounded.

Warriors of the police unit on the Abadan front returned enemy fire, destroying more than five trenches and machinegun emplacements of the enemy and killing several enemy personnel.

Yesterday, as on previous days, Abadan came under the enemy's long-range artillery fire. Several houses were destroyed and several of our dear compatriots from Abadan were either wounded or martyred.

Yesterday sporadic exchanges of artillery and other heavy-weapon fire continued between our forces and the enemy on the fronts of Ahvaz, Susangerd and western Dezful. On these fronts, the combatants of the ground forces, while defending the regions under their own protection and silencing enemy fire, killed several Iraqi troops and inflicted considerable damage on the enemy's positions, fortifications and equipment. On the Ahvaz front, one tank and three vehicles of the Iraqi forces were destroyed.

This morning some of the residential districts of Dezful came under the enemy's long-range artillery fire. On the Salehabad, Meymak, Gilan-e Gharb and Sar-e Pol-e Zahab fronts, the self-sacrificing warriors of the ground forces opened fire on enemy positions and returned enemy fire. As a result, the enemy suffered the following losses and casualties; 2 trucks and 1 ammunition tent set on fire; 2 enemy tanks and 1 cannon put out of action; approximately 50 Saddamists either wounded or killed. Our combatants also prevented any movement by Iraqi forces on these fronts.

In the battle of 15 November 1981, six combatants of the ground forces and six warriors of the gendarmerie gained the exalted status of martyrdom.

ATTACK BY 'ASSAILANTS' ON SHIRINSAVAR REPULSED

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[Text] According to PARS, on 14 November a number of illegal, armed counterrevolutionary elements attacked Shirinsavar, a district of Kamyaran, but the assailants' attack was repulsed by the brothers from the Guards Corps and the attackers fled, leaving behind two dead and five wounded.

MILITARY, 'COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES' CLASH

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[Text] According to a PARS report, in a clash which took place yesterday between the military brothers stationed in (Kalehqandi) post and a number of illegal, armed elements on Sar Dasht road, one of the counterrevolutionaries was killed and another person was wounded. The others fled, leaving their dead and wounded behind.

'COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES' ARRESTED IN 3 VILLAGES

LD171722 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 17 Nov 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit from Urumiyeh, yesterday morning a column of the fighters of Islam, in order to mop up the villages on the Jaldiyan-Tappehayis, surrounded the villages of (Qarasinbayan), Anjireh and Sardkani and arrested a number of counter-revolutionaries.

GUARDS REPORT OPERATIONS AGAINST 'HYPOCRITES'

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[Statement issued by the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps -- date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Some of the activities of the Guards Corps in the fight against terrorists and the criminal agents of the great Satan are brought to the attention of the martyr-nurturing and revolutionary nation:

(?In Behbehan), thanks to the 36-million-strong intelligence organization and follow-up activity by the Guards Corps, one lair of corruption and conspiracy of the hypocrites minigroup was discovered. During this operation, two terrorists were (?killed) and two others were wounded. This group had been responsible for a number of fires and explosions in the town. One Kalashnikov rifle, one G-3 rifle, one sidearm, a number of grenades, several rounds of ammunition, explosives and other equipment were discovered in the safe house.

A number of safe houses of counterrevolutionary and moharb [wagers of war against God] minigroups were discovered in Gachsaran by the brother guards. Quantities of weapons and documents were also found.

In Mashhad, during a search of a house belonging to two (?heads) of the hypocrites mini-groups, who are at present being detained by the guards, nine assorted weapons were found. Also in this town, thanks to the cooperation of the Hezbollahi nation, large quantities of publications, tapes and documents belonging to the (?reactionary) hypocrites minigroup were discovered and confiscated from a home appliances shop.

BRIEFS

JOLFA CUSTOMS STATISTICS -- According to PARS, during the first 7 months of the current year [21 March to 22 September 1981] the Treasury has received the equivalent of 25.5 billion rials in foreign currency through the Jolfa [border city on road and railway line to USSR] customs checkpoint. This figure shows a 33-percent increase compared with a similar period in the previous year. The general manager of Jolfa customs added that during the same period 26,760 tons of goods, worth 1.1 billion rials, including various products of the country, have been exported to foreign countries via this customs checkpoint. This also shows a 138-percent increase compared with the figure for a similar period last year. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 17 Nov 81 LD]

NEPAL

CP LEADER ADDRESSES 'MAMMOTH' RALLY

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[Text] Katmandu, 17 Nov (AFP) -- Mr Mana Mohan Adhikari, leader of the outlawed Nepal Communist Party has called on leftist and democratic forces to unite in order to end the country's deteriorating economic condition and achieve better political rights.

Addressing a mammoth public rally at Nepalgunj, an important commercial centre in far southwest Nepal bordering Lucknow, the other day, Mr Adhikari called for the fourth constitutional amendment so that the people could enjoy better political rights in the country.

He said that the country's development depended on foreign aid which accounted for 60 percent of total developmental expenditures.

Mr Adhikari added that billions of rupees received from foreign aid had been spent but no potential industries had been established in the past 22 years since the inception of the partyless Panchayat policy.

Had this money been spent for the establishment of industries at least 50 industries could have been set up which could have been a means of livelihood for over 3.5 million people, Mr Adhikari continued.

Mr Adhikari was also critical of the government's land reform programme which he said had benefited only the fuedal landlords who have successfully maintained 1,400 bighas of land by getting the excess land registered in ficticious names, including those of pet dogs and goats.

In the southwestern Nepal Terai Districts 60 to 80 percent of the peasants were denied tenancy rights as were 40 percent of farmers in southeastern Terai.

Mr Adhikari also strongly criticised the foreign policy of the government. He said in the name of nonalignment the Panchayat government is trying to create hostility with all friendly countries.

He warned that Nepal could not survive by courting enmity from India. He felt that the Soviet Union as a socialist country would not act against Nepal's sovereignty. He alleged that the government had instigated the people to stage demonstrations time and time again against China, the Soviet Union and India.

SRI LANKA

STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENDED ADDITIONAL MONTH

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[Text] A government motion to extend the state of emergency by another month was approved in parliament today by a two-thirds majority -- 134 voted for the motion and 6 against it. Members of the two Sri Lanka Freedom Party [SLFP] groups and the Communist Party members of Parliament voted against the resolution while the Tamil United Liberation Front [TULF] abstained.

Prime Minister Premadasa explained that the emergency was being extended in order to maintain law and order and build confidence among the people. Another reason was that the emergency was necessary to complete certain investigations now underway.

Premadasa said that the government was meanwhile continuing its dialogue with the TULF and invited other political parties to join in the discussions.

MP from Medawachchiya Maithripala Senanayake intervened at this stage to state that his group was willing to participate in the talks.

MP from Gampaha S.D. Bandaranaike said his group was not willing to do so as long as Mrs Bandaranaike was unable to join. The prime minister explained that he could not invite a person who had been deprived of her civic rights to take part in such talks.

Premadasa also said that a calm atmosphere now prevailed throughout the island, including the plantation districts. The government was extending the emergency with reluctance.

Opposition leader A. Amirthalingham said he agreed with the government on the need to maintain law and order. He declared that in August the TULF had requested the president to declare a state of e ergency in the context of the situation then prevailing. But he charged that some sectors of the armed services had acted in a lawless manner. Although government when informed about this situation had acted promptly, the damage had already been done.

Amirthalingham also said he felt the situation in the country had not yet been brought under complete control. Nevertheless, the TULF had decided to refrain from voting on the motion.

INDIA REGRETS ATTACK ON TRADE OFFICE IN BOMBAY

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[Text] Sri Landa has protested to India over an incident in Bombay when a member of an organization called Azad Hind Sena burst into the office of the Sri Lanka trade commissioner there.

They said they were demonstrating against the alleged ill-treatment of Indian Tamils in Sri Lanka.

The demonstrators had tried to cut the telephone lines in the trade commissioner's office and set fire to his official car. Their attempts however were foiled by the trade commission staff who also apprehended one of the attackers and summoned the police.

On the instructions of Foreign Minister A.C.S. Hameed, Sri Lanka's deputy high commissioner in New Delhi called on the joint secretary of the Indian External Affairs Ministry and delivered the protest note.

The joint secretary had requested the diplomat to convey to the Government of Sri Lanka the Indian Government's regret over the incident and had assured that no recurrence of such incidents would be allowed.